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2007 HOUSE GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

HB 1375

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1375

House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: January 25, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 1969

Committee Clerk Signature

Morgan Penick

Minutes:

Al Jaeger: Testimony Attached

Rep. Amerman: In section 2, it is all new reporting requirements? Your office at this time has all the software, or will it be an added expense?

Al Jaeger: I don't believe there will be a change in the budget. It is a similar report. I don't believe it will change anything.

Rep. Haas: Are there other questions for Secretary Jaeger?

Rep. Wolf: On page 2 in subsection 4, B says that the growth total of all revenues received and expenditures made of \$200 or less, and B says in excessive of \$200. Can't they just be combined?

Al Jaeger: As legislative candidates you don't have to. As a statewide I have to record engrossed totals of all contributions made and received. I have to record everything I receive even contributions under \$200. It has to be categorized based on those amounts.

Rep. Schneider: Testimony Attached

Rep. Haas: Are there any questions? Is there any additional testimony in support of HB 1757?

Is there opposition Testimony? If not we will close the hearing on HB 1375.

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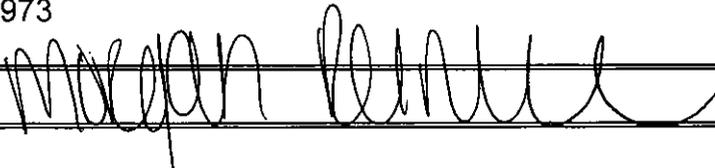
House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Hearing Date: January 25, 2007

Recorder Job Number: 1973

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Minutes:

Rep. Meier: I move a do pass on HB 1375

Rep. Wolf: I Second that

Rep. Haas: The motion passes 13-0-0.

Rep. Grande: I request to carry this bill

Date: 1-25-07
Roll Call Vote #:

2007 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTES
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House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

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Legislative Council Amendment Number HB 1375

Action Taken DO pass

Motion Made By Rep. Meier Seconded By Rep. Wolf

Representatives	Yes	No	Representatives	Yes	No
Rep. C.B Haas Chairman	X		Rep. Bill Amerman	X	
Rep. Bette Grande V.P	X		Rep. Louise Potter	X	
Rep. Randy Boehning	X		Rep. Jasper Schneider	X	
Rep. Stacey Dahl	X		Rep. Lisa Wolf	X	
Rep. Glen Froseth	X				
Rep. Karen Karls	X				
Rep. Jim Kasper	X				
Rep. Lisa Meier	X				
Rep. Dave Weiler	X				

Total (Yes) 13 No 0

Absent 0

Floor Assignment Rep. Glendon

If the vote is on an amendment, briefly indicate intent:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
January 26, 2007 7:16 a.m.

Module No: HR-18-1282
Carrier: Grande
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1375: Government and Veterans Affairs Committee (Rep. Haas, Chairman)
recommends **DO PASS** (13 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING).
HB 1375 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar.

2007 SENATE POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

HB 1375

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No **HB 1375**

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: **March 9, 2007**

Recorder Job Number: **4805**

Committee Clerk Signature

Shirley Borg

Minutes:

Chairman Cook called the Senate Political Subdivisions to order. Four members present and one member absent.

Chairman Cook opened the hearing on HB 1375 relating to state political party convention statements/relating to campaign finance.

Al Jaeger, Secretary of State, introduced HB 1375. This bill makes some changes to current law on campaign finance reporting. He explained the bill. (Attachment #1) My communication from both political parties is that they are in support of this bill. I think procedurally it helps a lot.

Senator Warner: On page 2, the two provisions b & c. I don't quite understand why the distinction.

Al Jaeger: What we are trying to do, is we don't need to get nit picky about some of the amounts. Just like you as a candidate if someone gives you two hundred dollars or fifty dollars. The concern is someone with a large amount.

Jim Silrum, Deputy Secretary of State appeared to answer questions. The reason for this is that for all contributions and spending over two hundred dollars the individual or company must be listed and as part of our auditing process, we take all of those individual contributions and

expenditures, total them up and they must match that gross total over two hundred dollars.

With the contributions and expenditures under two hundred dollars, all that is needed is the gross total. We thought it would be clearer to keep those totals separate so that our electronic system could flag them when there is a problem.

No further testimony in favor, opposed or neutral.

Chairman Cook closed the hearing on HB 1375.

2007 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Bill/Resolution No. HB 1375

Senate Political Subdivisions Committee

Check here for Conference Committee

Hearing Date: **March 22, 2007**

Recorder Job Number: **5447**

Committee Clerk Signature

Shirley Borg

Minutes:

Chairman Cook called the committee to order. All members (5) present.

Chairman Cook asked the committee their wishes on HB 1375.

Senator Warner moved a Do Pass.

Senator Hacker seconded the motion.

Discussion:

Roll Call Vote: Yes 5 No 0 Absent 0

Carrier: **Senator Cook**

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE (410)
March 22, 2007 1:13 p.m.

Module No: SR-54-5903
Carrier: Cook
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REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE

HB 1375: Political Subdivisions Committee (Sen. Cook, Chairman) recommends DO PASS (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). HB 1375 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

2007 TESTIMONY

HB 1375

**GOVERNMENT AND VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
HOUSE BILL 1375
REPRESENTATIVE HAAS, CHAIR**

Greetings, Mr. Chairman and members of the Government & Veterans Affairs Committee.

For the record my name is Merle Boucher, member of the House of Representatives from D-9.

I offer to you an endorsement of the legislative intent of HB 1375.

HB 1375 strengthens reporting and disclosure requirements. In particular, matters related to revenues obtained and expenditures made for the planning and running of a state party convention.

HB 1375 requires the (state) political party to establish separate and segregate accounts for the management of state nominating conventions. This requirement makes the sources of monies and the subsequent expenditures of those dollars more transparent. Fiscal transparency and responsible and affective reporting policies is key to the intent of this bill.

I ask that this committee give HB 1375 their careful consideration and recommend and support passage of HB 1375.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

Respectfully submitted by:

Merle Boucher, Minority Leader
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January 25, 2007

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TO: Representative Haas, Chairman,
and Members of the House Government and Veterans Affairs Committee

FR: Al Jaeger, Secretary of State

RE: HB 1375 – Campaign Finance

Section 1, page 1, line 10: The definition of "public office" is changed to include all elected offices to make it correspond to other uses in the chapter

Section 2, pages 1 and 2: Creates a new section requiring state political parties to report the revenue and expenditures related to the holding of a statewide convention

Section 3, page 3, lines 5 thru 8: Changes the text for easier reading and understanding

Section 4, page 3, line 29: Replaces the word "political" with "public" to make it consistent with the definition and usage throughout the chapter

Section 4, page 5, lines 1 thru 5: Changes the text for easier reading and understanding

Section 5, page 7, lines 6 thru 12: The change establishes the same reporting requirements for a candidate for a judicial district office as exists now for a statewide candidate.

Section 6, pages 7 and 8: Where applicable, the reference to county auditor is changed to city auditor as the appropriate filing officer for campaign contribution reports required of candidates for a city office in cities over 5,000 in population.

Section 7, page 9, lines 21 and 22: Changes an incorrect reference to another section of the Century Code

Section 8, page 9, lines 25 and 26: The change makes it consistent with the change in Section 5 pertaining to the reporting requirements for candidates for judicial district office

Section 8, page 10, line 11: Establishes a ten-day limit by which a requested amended contribution report must be filed